

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 12-27 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 21, 26 and 27 have been amended, and claims 2 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer.

Claim Objections

Claim 26 and 28 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended in an effort to address the Examiner's concerns. Claim 28 has been canceled, rendering the objection to this claim moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Assignee acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 2 and 28 contain allowable subject matter. Assignee further appreciates the indication by Examiner Fearer in a telephone conversation with Assignee's representative on May 14, 2010 that amendments to the claims to place them in allowable form would be entered without requiring an RCE. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features formerly recited in claim 2, and independent claim 21 has been amended to include the features of claim 28. Accordingly, claims 1, 21, and their respective dependent claims are allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1 and 12-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0172130 to Fruchtman et al. ("Fruchtman") in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0069369 to Tremain ("Tremain") and in further view of U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0165942 to Ulrich et al. ("Ulrich"). As noted above, independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include allowable features of claims 2 and 28. Accordingly, claims 1, 21, and their respective dependent

claims are allowable, and reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Fees

No fees are believed due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3447.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at 678-336-6551.

Assignee respectfully submits that this Amendment is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.34 by a registered patent practitioner acting in a representative capacity for Assignee.

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